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19 December 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Approval of \$600.00 Suggestion Award
for Mr. [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE : Regulation [REDACTED] Honor and Suggestion Awards
Paragraph 4c(1)(b)(3)

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for DD/S approval and action. Such recommendation and request are contained in paragraphs 3 and 4.

2. The CIA Suggestion Awards Committee recommended an award of \$600.00 for Suggestion No. 59-66. A summary of this suggestion and action taken follows:

Suggester

Mr. [REDACTED]
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Photographic Intelligence Technician
Photographic Intelligence Center, DD/I

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Suggestion

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Mr. [REDACTED] proposed a modification of the photographic light tables presently used by photo interpreters in the inspection, editing and evaluation of film transparencies, both negative and positive, which are spooled on metal reels.

Evaluations

On 3 December 1958, Director, Photographic Intelligence Center, stated:

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"The suggestion to modify the photographic light tables, as described in this suggestion, was adopted by the Photographic Intelligence Center in May 1958 [at Mr. [REDACTED] suggestion]. A contract was signed with a private corporation in June 1958 and all of the light tables in use in the Center have been modified as suggested. In addition, the Army, Navy, Air Force, and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] have indicated that they expect to purchase the new light tables as soon as they become available.

"...The investment expended in obtaining high quality photography may be lost if in the analysis of the photography significant intelligence information is obscured or obliterated by scratches and blemishes on the film. It is because of this crucial problem that efforts are continually being made in PIC to safeguard against film damage. The suggester, in putting forth this suggestion, has greatly reduced one of the primary causes of film damage..."

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On 5 December 1958, Mr. [REDACTED] ODD/I stated:

"It is our understanding that the modification brought about by this suggestion will result in a basic change in the design of commercially manufactured light tables. This will obviously result in not only the other intelligence services of the Government acquiring the benefits described in the attachment, but all Government and commercial concerns engaged in work requiring the use of light tables will, as they replace their existing equipment, likewise benefit. However, tables are not yet commercially available so it would be impossible at this time to get any estimate of savings from the other agencies. Therefore, with respect to circularizing the rest of the Federal Government on estimated savings in order to further determine intangible benefits, I would suggest we defer that action for say a year or so."

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Line of Duty Status of Suggester

Mr. [REDACTED] as a Photo Intelligence Technician, is not responsible for modifying equipment, as explained more fully by Director, Photographic Intelligence Center:

"The development of this suggestion was not specifically related to the suggester's regular responsibilities. It was developed as a result of his day-to-day handling of photography and recognition of a solution to a serious problem."

Recommendations of the Suggestion Awards Committee

The Suggestion Awards Committee recognized adoption of this suggestion and recommended an award of \$600.00 based on Tangible Savings of \$15,000.00 and Intangible Benefits of Moderate degree, Broad application.

Because tables are not yet commercially available, the Suggestion Awards Committee further recommended that one year from now all Government agencies be circularized in an attempt to determine further benefit to the Government as a whole.

3. In accordance with R [REDACTED] Paragraph 4c(1)(b)(3), your approval of the award of \$600.00 for Suggestion No. 59-66 is recommended.

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4. If approved, it is requested that you obtain the Director's signature on the attached Certificate of Appreciation.

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[REDACTED]
Acting Chairman
Suggestion Awards Committee

APPROVED:

(signed) H. Gates Lloyd

Acting Deputy Director (Support)

22 DEC 1958

Date

Attachment:
Certificate

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